

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

#### Listing of Claims

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended):** A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

a first determination unit configured to determine whether or not application software, which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network;

a first calculation means for calculating unit configured to calculate a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using the selected application software, which is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation in accordance with determination by said first determination unit;

a second determination unit configured to determine whether or not an output device, which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data created and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an accounting object;

a second calculation means for calculating unit configured to calculate a device charge for using an the selected output device, which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or edited by the application software in accordance with determination by said second determination unit; and

a third calculation ~~means for calculating~~ unit configured to calculate a total charge of a data output process based on the respective charges calculated by said first and second calculation ~~means~~ unit.

**Claim 2 (Previously presented):** The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

**Claim 3 (Cancelled).**

**Claim 4 (Currently Amended):** A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

a first determination unit configured to determine whether or not a device, which is selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object, wherein the selected device is used by a user via a network;

a first calculation means for calculating unit configured to calculate a device charge for using a the selected device ~~for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a network~~ in accordance with determination by said first determination unit;

a second determination unit configured to determine whether or not application software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;

a second calculation means for calculating unit configured to calculate a software charge for using the application software ~~used to use the device via the network~~ in accordance with determination by said second determination unit; and

a third calculation means for calculating unit configured to a data processing  
charge of the selected device using the application software based on the respective charges  
calculated by said first and second calculation means units.

**Claim 5 (Original):** The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is  
stored in said charge calculation apparatus.

**Claim 6 (Original):** The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is  
provided through a network.

**Claim 7 (Currently Amended):** A charge calculation method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not application software,  
which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a  
network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application  
software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network;

a first calculation step of calculating a software charge for performing a  
predetermined process by using the selected application software, which is used to create  
and/or edit data by a user operation in accordance with determination in said first  
determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not an output device,  
which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data created  
and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an accounting  
object;

a second calculation step of calculating a device charge for using ~~an~~ the selected output device, ~~which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or edited by the application software~~ in accordance with determination in said determination step; and

a third calculation step of calculating a total charge of a data output process based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 8** (Previously presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

**Claim 9** (Cancelled).

**Claim 10** (Currently Amended): A charge calculation method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not a device, which is selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object, wherein the selected device is used by a user via a network;

a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using a the selected device for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a network in accordance with determination in said first determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not application software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;

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a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using the application software used to use the device via the network in accordance with determination in said second determination step; and

a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the selected device using the application software based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 11 (Original):** The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is stored in a computer.

**Claim 12 (Original):** The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

**Claim 13 (Currently Amended):** A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first determination step of determining whether or not application software, which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network;

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using the selected application software, ~~which is used~~

to create and/or edit data by a user operation in accordance with determination in said first determination step;

a code of a second determination step of determining whether or not an output device, which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data created and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an accounting object;

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a device charge for using an the selected output device, which receives and outputs via a network the data created and/or edited by the application software in accordance with determination in said second determination step; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a total charge of a data output process based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 14 (Currently Amended):** A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first determination step of determining whether or not a device, which is selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object, wherein the selected device is used by a user via a network;

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using a the selected device for inputting or outputting data, wherein the device is used by a user via a network in accordance with determination in said first determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not application software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using the application software used to use the device via the network in accordance with determination in said second determination step; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the selected device using the application software based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.